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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Norris-Stirling house

AND/OR COMMON

Mount Pleasant

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SE side of Ring Factory Road, NE of its junction with
Hollingsworth Road, 4 miles SW of Bel Air

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Harford

CODE

025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Campbell Lloyd Stirling

STREET & NUMBER

2211 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21218

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Norris-Stirling house, presently known as Mount Pleasant, is located approximately four miles southwest of Bel Air on the southeast side of Ring Factory Road, northeast of its junction with Hollingsworth Road. The house is comprised of an early nineteenth century stone section and two later frame additions. Outbuildings include a frame barn and corn-crib, a stone springhouse and a garage.

The original section of the house is three bays by one room deep. It is constructed of uncoursed fieldstone with a slate roof. Its front and rear elevations both consist of an entrance in the north bay with two nine-over-six windows in the south bays of the first floor. Over the plainly trimmed, recessed door is a four-light transom. Flanking the entrance, reveals carved with three panels echo the pattern of the six-paneled door. A reconstructed hood, contemporary in design to the house, protects the entrance. On the second floor, three six-over-six sash windows are aligned with the door and two first floor windows. All of these windows have narrow, white painted trim and green shutters with stationary louvers. The gabled dormer window was probably added after the first addition was constructed to admit light to the south attic room. Two casement windows, in the peak of the north elevation, illuminate the other small attic room and stairway. The windows in the house all have very wide sills due to the thickness of the walls, and many window panes retain the original glass.

The floor plan consists of a stair hall and one room on both the first and second stories. Much attention was given to the design and execution of the open string stair with halfpace landings. Opposite these two landings, the well is terminated in a quarter circle which lends simple elegance to the lines of the stair. The balusters, square at the bottom and round above, are delicately proportioned, as are brackets along the string course. The division of a second story rear window by a stair landing is functional as it illuminates two flights of the stair and retains the symmetry of the exterior elevation.

There is an interior end chimney of brick at the east end of the stone portion. The first floor wooden mantel is carved with plain pilasters, topped by a frieze with torus molding and a simple mantel shelf. The mantel on the second floor is also classically inspired but is more simple in its execution.

Six-paneled doors throughout the original section are identical to the one of the front entrance. They have brass box locks which were present when Mrs. Stirling's mother, Mrs. Louis Muller, purchased the house in 1936. One of the attic doors has a wooden box lock. The original walnut floors remain throughout this section.

The first addition may be entered from the older part by a door cut

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Maryland

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

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A double-tiered porch was added to the front of the first addition in 1936. The first floor of the porch is paved with slate slabs originally from the streets of Delta, Pennsylvania. The upstairs porch is screened. The front and back doors with panes on the first floor were also installed at that time.

A lean-to which forms the most southern section replaces a smaller, earlier addition. This 1936 addition contains a kitchen, 2 baths, master bedroom and kitchen porch. Both this addition and the earlier one have slate roofs.

The large bank barn is constructed of roughly sawn timber and covered by a gable roof with cedar shingles. The foundation is of stone. Nearby is a frame corncrib. A stone springhouse is located in the west area in front of the house. In addition to the springhouse, there is a spring in the original cellar. The frame, three-car garage was built in 1936 and conforms to the lines of the barn.

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ENVIRONMENT OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Built on a high elevation in the rolling hills of Harford County, Mount Pleasant commands a view of spacious lawns and unspoiled woodlands. A number of the original trees and shrubs remain on the property, and others have been planted to enhance the landscape-box, magnolias, holly, azaleas, some evergreens, etc.

Whereas there are no formal gardens, there are thousands of spring bulbs and a wealth of native fern, myrtle, pachysandra, and dogwood. Violets carpet some areas in the spring, lilies-of-the-valley bloom in profusion and lilac waft their fragrance. Handsome stone walls of local fieldstone, restored or built by Mr. Stirling, are an unusual feature.

The large wooded areas abound in wild life, and are rich in laurel, wild azaleas, great masses of fern, wild flowers of many varieties. Any everywhere -- the music of birds.

Two streams water the property, and the half-mile wooded frontage along Ring Factory Road extends northerly to within about 400 feet of Winter's Run, a broad rock-bound creek in a picturesque valley. Truly a nature preserve.

The natural spring in the old stone springhouse is the source of an abundant supply of fine water, brought to the main house by an electric pump in the springhouse.

The large pastures are fenced for livestock.

ARCHEOLOGICAL NOTE: According to Mr. Stirling, an old resident of the neighborhood told him years ago that as a boy he remembered an Indian village nearby, and that he used to play with the Indian children. He said there were probably Indian mounds in our woods. Indian relics have been found there in the past.

Sept. 6, 1977

Amy A. Stirling
(Mrs. Campbell Lloyd Stirling)

B SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1803

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated in the midst of a wooded tract of about 50 acres, the Norris-Stirling house is an early 19th century farmhouse with a later 19th century addition and small 20th century addition.

The original section of the house is a small, stone structure typical in style of early 19th century stone architecture in Harford County. The quality of craftsmanship on the interior is unusually fine and well preserved for a house of this type in this area.

Outbuildings, including the stone springhouse, frame barn, and corn house, are evidence of the agricultural activity which supported at least three generations of the Norris family. The property consists of pasture, in addition to its wooded areas, enhancing the farm setting of the complex.

Aquilla Norris purchased this land, part of a tract known as Clegates Forest, from John Beale Bordley in 1784 (JLG F/132). The 73½ acres were conveyed by Aquilla to his son Rhesa in 1803 (HD U/423). The house is thought to have been built within several years of this date. In 1843 Rhesa and his wife Susannah deeded 26½ acres to their son Silas N., "in consideration of love and affection for their son" (HD 29/89). After the death of Silas, his trustee, Frank C. Norris, sold the property to Archibald H. Wann (WSF 95/145). The land passed to Benjamin F. Wann, and in 1936 he sold it to Amelia V. Muller, who listed Amelia Prescott Stirling and Campbell Lloyd Stirling as tenants in common (SWC 241/447). The house was restored by Baltimore architect, Laurence Ewald, shortly thereafter.

In 1976 Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Lloyd Stirling granted an easement on the house and surrounding acres to the Maryland Historical Trust. This document states that the property constitutes a "significant historical and cultural resource."

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land Records of Harford County.
Research provided by Mrs. Stirling, copy in the files of the Maryland Historical Trust.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50 acres (approximately)

QUADRANGLE NAME Edgewood

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 | 38,32,6,0 | 4,37,22,8,0

B 18 | 38,36,0,0 | 4,37,19,2,0

C 18 | 38,28,9,0 | 4,37,15,6,0

D 18 | 38,26,8,0 | 4,37,15,8,0

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G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See enclosed plat map and boundary description.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cheryl Dees, Summer Intern

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

3-15-79

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

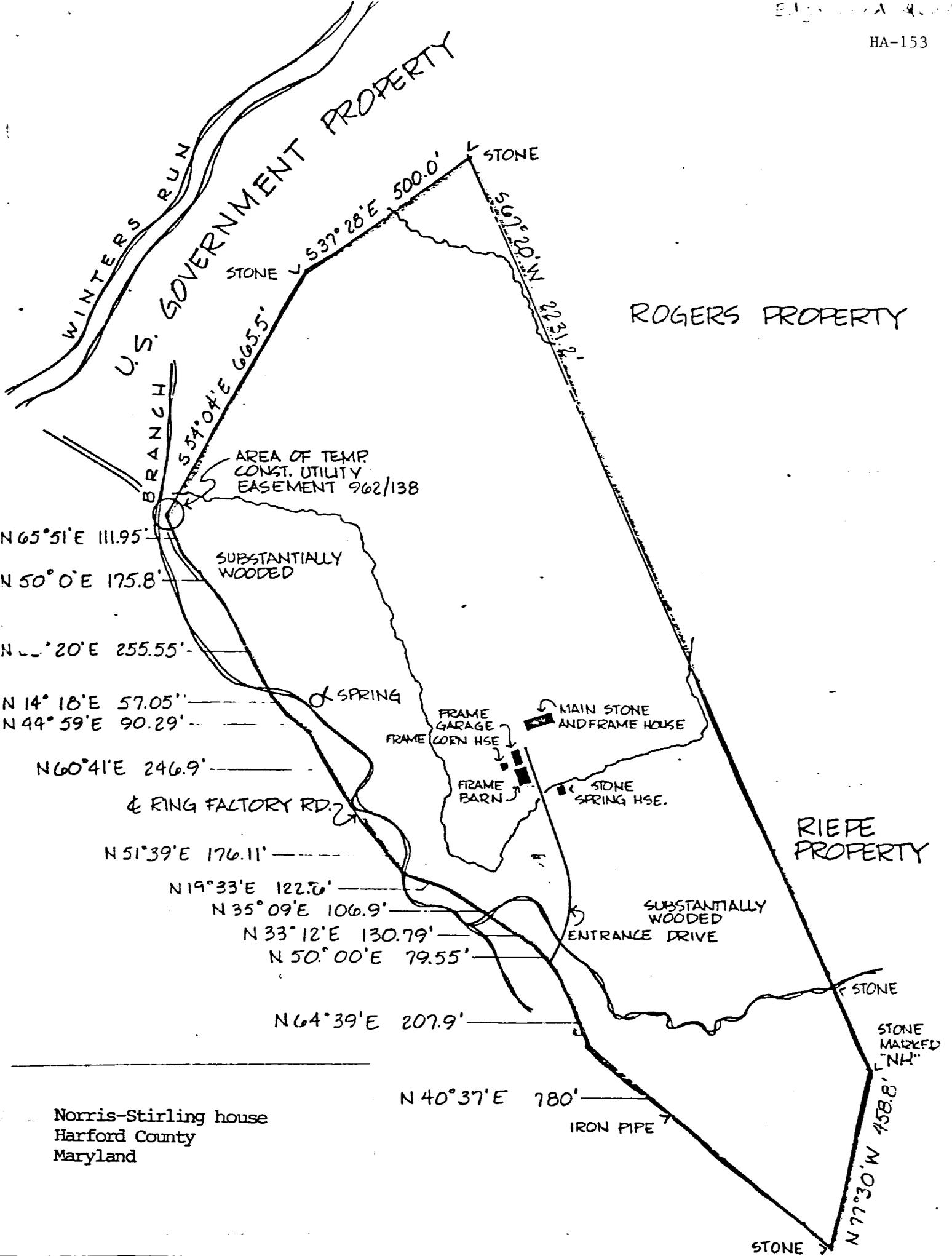
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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MOUNT PLEASANT
 BEL AIR (near)
 HARFORD COUNTY
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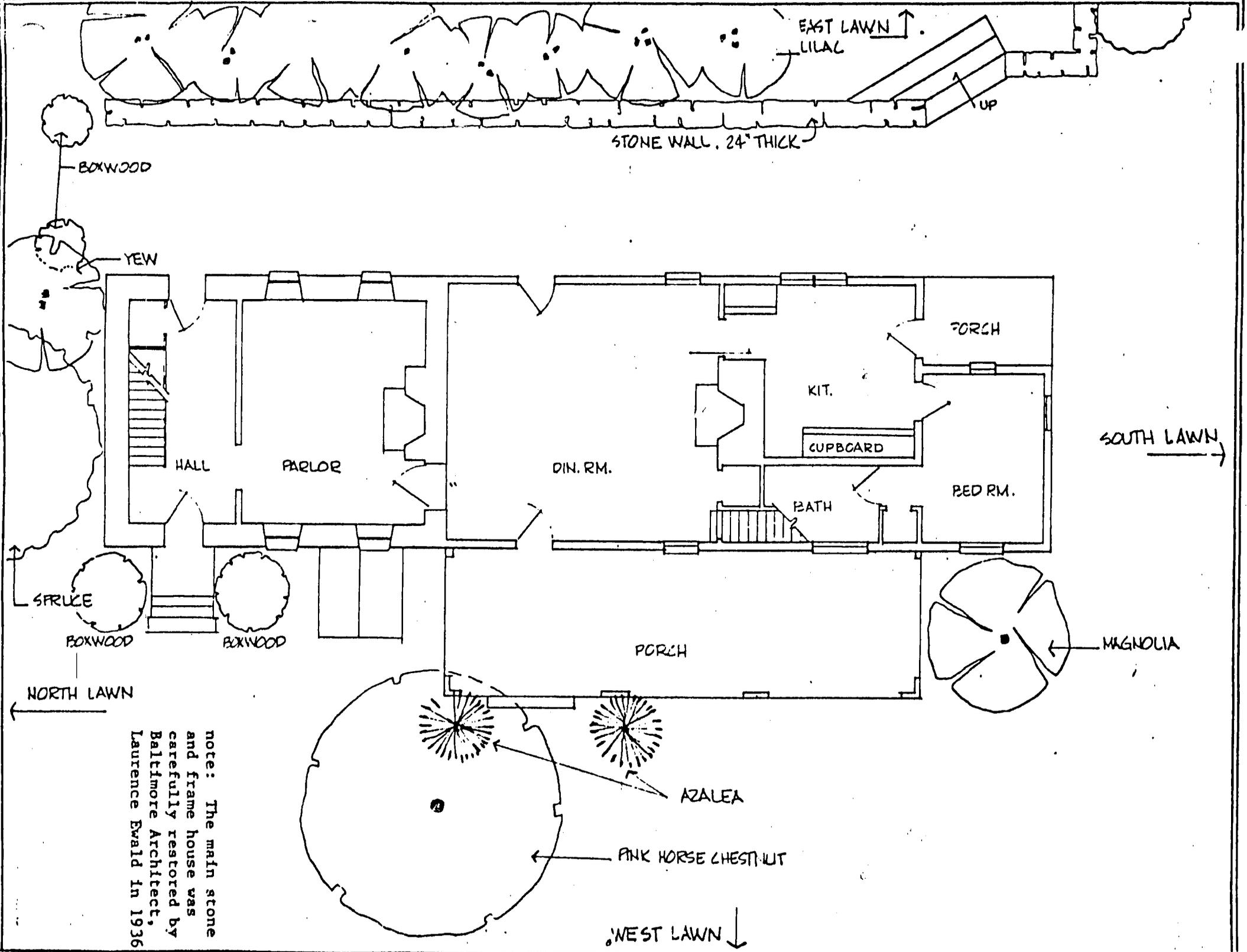
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 PREPARED: 10/76 JAC
 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST



GNED ORIGINAL ON FILE WITH THE M.H.T.

GRANTOR

GRANTEE



MOUNT PLEASANT
 BFL AIR (near)
 HARFORD COUNTY

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"
 PREPARED: 10/76
 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST JTC

NORTH

note: The main stone and frame house was carefully restored by Baltimore Architect, Laurence Ewald in 1936

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE WITH THE M.H.T.

MOUNT PLEASANT

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

This Deed of Easement applies to the lands and buildings of the grantor situated in the Third Election District of Harford County, Maryland. Said lands are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the south side of Ring Factory Road, approximately 1007 feet southwest from where the entrance drive, into the property of the grantor, meets Ring Factory Road and following the center line of Ring Factory Road in a northeasterly direction the following courses:

1. North 40 degrees 37 minutes east, 780.0 feet coming over an iron pipe;
2. North 64 degrees 39 minutes east, 407.9 feet;
3. North 50 degrees 00 minutes east, 79.55 feet;
4. North 33 degrees 12 minutes east, 130.79 feet, crossing over the branch stream;
5. North 35 degrees 09 minutes east, 106.9 feet;
6. North 19 degrees 33 minutes east, 122.6 feet, again crossing over the branch stream;
7. North 51 degrees 39 minutes east, 176.11 feet;
8. North 60 degrees 41 minutes east, 246.9 feet;
9. North 44 degrees 59 minutes, east 90.29 feet;
10. North 14 degrees 18 minutes, east 57.05 feet;
11. North 63 degrees 20 minutes east, 255.55 feet;
12. North 50 degrees 0 minutes, east 175.8 feet;
13. North 65 degrees 51 minutes, east 111.95 feet;

Thence leaving the centerline of said Ring Factory Road in a southeasterly direction the following courses:

14. South 54 degrees 04 minutes 665.5 feet, to a stone;
15. South 37 degrees 28 minutes 500.0 feet, to a stone marking the eastern most corner of the herein described property;
16. Thence running south 67 degrees 20 minutes west, 2231.2 feet to a stone marked "NH";
17. Thence running north 77 degrees 30 minutes west, 458.8 feet to a stone and the place of beginning.

MOUNT PLEASANT - PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (continued)

The entire parcel containing 50 acres more or less and being made up of smaller parcels described in one or more of the following deeds, agreements and/or easements:

1. Benjamin F. Wann, Bertha R. Wann, his wife, Bessie E. Wann Archer, Theodore S. Archer, her husband and Evelyn Wann; To Amelia V. Muller, Amelia Prescott Stirling and Campbell Lloyd Stirling, dated July 10, 1936 and recorded in Liber 241 Folio 447 of Harford County, Maryland.
2. William C. Bayington to Amelia V. Muller, Amelia Prescott Stirling and Campbell Lloyd Stirling, dated July 10, 1936 and recorded in Liber 241, Folio 450 of Harford County, Maryland.
3. Sarah M. Davis and Walter F. Davis, her husband to John P. Bailey and Lillian C. Bailey, his wife, dated October 6, 1942 and recorded in Liber 275, Folio 152 of Harford County, Maryland.
4. John P. Bailey and Lillian C. Bailey, his wife, to Campbell L. Stirling, et. al., dated May 3, 1943 and recorded in Liber GCB 278, Folio 47 of Harford County, Maryland.
5. Erle P. Barlow and Ruth H. Barlow, his wife, to Amy A. Stirling, et. al., dated November 18, 1946 and recorded in Liber GCB 301, Folio 119 of Harford County, Maryland.
6. Campbell L. Stirling and Amy A. Stirling, his wife to Harford County, Maryland, dated November 7, 1974 and recorded in Liber 962, Folio 138 of Harford County, Maryland.

Description

MT. PLEASANT

*no corrected by. HA 153
Mrs. Stirling*

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The floor plan consists of a stair hall and one room on both the first and second stories. Much attention was given to the design and execution of the open string stair with halfpace landings. Opposite these two landings, the well is terminated in a quarter circle which lends simple elegance to the lines of the stair. The ~~square~~ *square at the bottom and round above,* balusters, are delicately proportioned as are brackets along the string course.

The division of a second story rear window by a stair landing is functional as it illuminates two flights of the stair and retains the symmetry of the exterior elevation.

There is an interior end chimney of brick at the east end of the stone portion. The first floor wooden mantel is carved with plain pilasters, topped by a frieze with torus molding and a simple mantel shelf. The mantel on the second floor is also classically inspired but is more simple in its execution.

Six-paneled doors throughout the original section are identical to the one of the front entrance. They have brass box locks which were present when ^{Mrs. Mother, Mrs. Louis Muller} the Stirlings purchased the house in 1936. One of the attic doors has a wooden box lock. *The original walnut floors remain throughout this section.*

~~Mrs. Louis Muller~~ The first addition may be entered from the older part by a door cut through the south end of the chimney wall of the first and second stories. This section was in extreme disrepair when ^{Mrs. Muller} ~~the Stirlings mother~~ became the owner. As many of the walnut floorboards as possible were left on the first level. The replacements are well matched. The fireplace in the single first story room is wide and has an old iron crane in place at the back of the hearth. As the upstairs was beyond restoration, it was reconstructed to include a bath and two bedrooms. A winding stair which led to the second story was replaced by a straight stair located behind the same door which hid the original stair. The door to the stair is hung on iron strap hinges as is the closet next to it. The second floor doorway was cut through a closet in which some of the wooden clothes pegs remain.

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The large bank barn is constructed of roughly sawn timber and covered by a gable roof with cedar shingles. The foundation is of stone. Nearby is a frame corncrib. A stone springhouse is located in the wooded area in front of the house. *In addition to the spring here, there is* ~~This well and the one in the original cellar, may be of interest to archaeologists.~~ The ^{frame, three-} garage ₁ ^{car} was built in 1936, and conforms to the lines of the barn.

Significance Statement, for the Norris-Stirling house (Ha-153)

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Situated in the midst of a ~~26 1/2~~-acre wooded tract, the Norris-Stirling house retains the atmosphere of an early 19th century farmhouse while functioning today as a summer residence. The original section of the house is a small, stone structure typical in style of early 19th century stone architecture in Harford County. A frame addition to the south, remodeled and added onto, makes the stone structure habitable for present use without damaging the integrity of the site.

The quality of craftsmanship on the interior of this dwelling is unusually fine and well preserved for a house of this type. Achieving elegance through simplicity, the woodwork in both the original rooms is in a vernacular tradition. The carpentry of the stair is a delicate, country craftsman's interpretation of the Federal style.

Outbuildings, such as the stone springhouse, the frame barn and the corn house, are evidence of the agricultural activity which supported at least three generations of the Norris family. Aquilla Norris purchased this land, part of a tract known as Clegates Forest, from John Beale Bordley in 1784, (JLG F/132). The 73 1/2 acres were conveyed by Aquilla to his son Rhesa in 1803, (HD U/423). The house is thought to have been built within several years of this date. In 1843 Rhesa and his wife Susannah deeded 26 1/2 acres to their son Silas N., "in consideration of love and affection for their son," (HD 29/89). After the death of Silas, his trustees, Frank C. and ~~Elizabeth~~ Norris, sold the property to Archibald H. Wann, (WSF 95/145). The land passed ~~to the trustees~~ to Benjamin F. Wann, ~~who~~ ^{and he} in 1936 sold it to Amelia Muller, ^{V. who listed} Amelia Prescott Stirling and Campbell Lloyd Stirling ^{as tenants in common} (SWC 241/447). The house was restored by Baltimore architect Laurence Ewald shortly thereafter.

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Norris - Stirling house, ~~Mount Pleasant~~
AND/OR COMMON Mount Pleasant

2 LOCATION

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with Hollingsworth Road, 4 miles SW of Bel Air
CITY, TOWN Bel Air CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF COUNTY Harford

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Campbell Lloyd Stirling Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER 2211 North Charles Street
CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE Maryland zip code 21218

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: 241 Folio #: 447
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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CITY, TOWN STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cheryl Dees, Summer Intern

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Stirling - Morris house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane goes east from Ring Factory Road about 0.2 mi north

CITY OR TOWN: Wilna of Hollingsworth Road near

STATE: Maryland COOE: COUNTY: Harford COOE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Campbell L. Stirling

STREET AND NUMBER: 2211 N. Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland COOE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 410 S Main ST

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air 21014 STATE: Md COOE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: COOE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone and frame house, ^{facing south} the stone part at west end is 2 1/2 stories, frame 2 stories with a 2-story porch facing south. The ridge line runs east-west. Stone section three bays by two, Frame three bays by two.

Three Chimneys are at the ends of the stone sections and in the center of the frame part of the house, suggesting that it may be built at two times.

~~The house was closed, but the barn was in use in December, suggesting an owner who lives here part time.~~

There is a springhouse below the house, and a carriage-house; ~~chicken-house~~ chicken-house; food house row of outhouses above the house.

The owner reports that the staircase, locks doorways are good old work, the floors walnut planks, the original crane is in the fireplace, the beams hand hewn.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>conformate!</i>

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Abariginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Palitical <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	lasaphy <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Once a farmhouse, this is now a summer & weekend country refuge for people who work in Baltimore, who cherish the fine workmanship and the pleasant site.

The stone section, the abstr. was built by the Norrie family in 1804, the frame part added not long afterwards, with a ~~was~~ kitchen fireplace that may have replaced an outside kitchen.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean S. Pawel

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust DATE: Dec 69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CDDE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

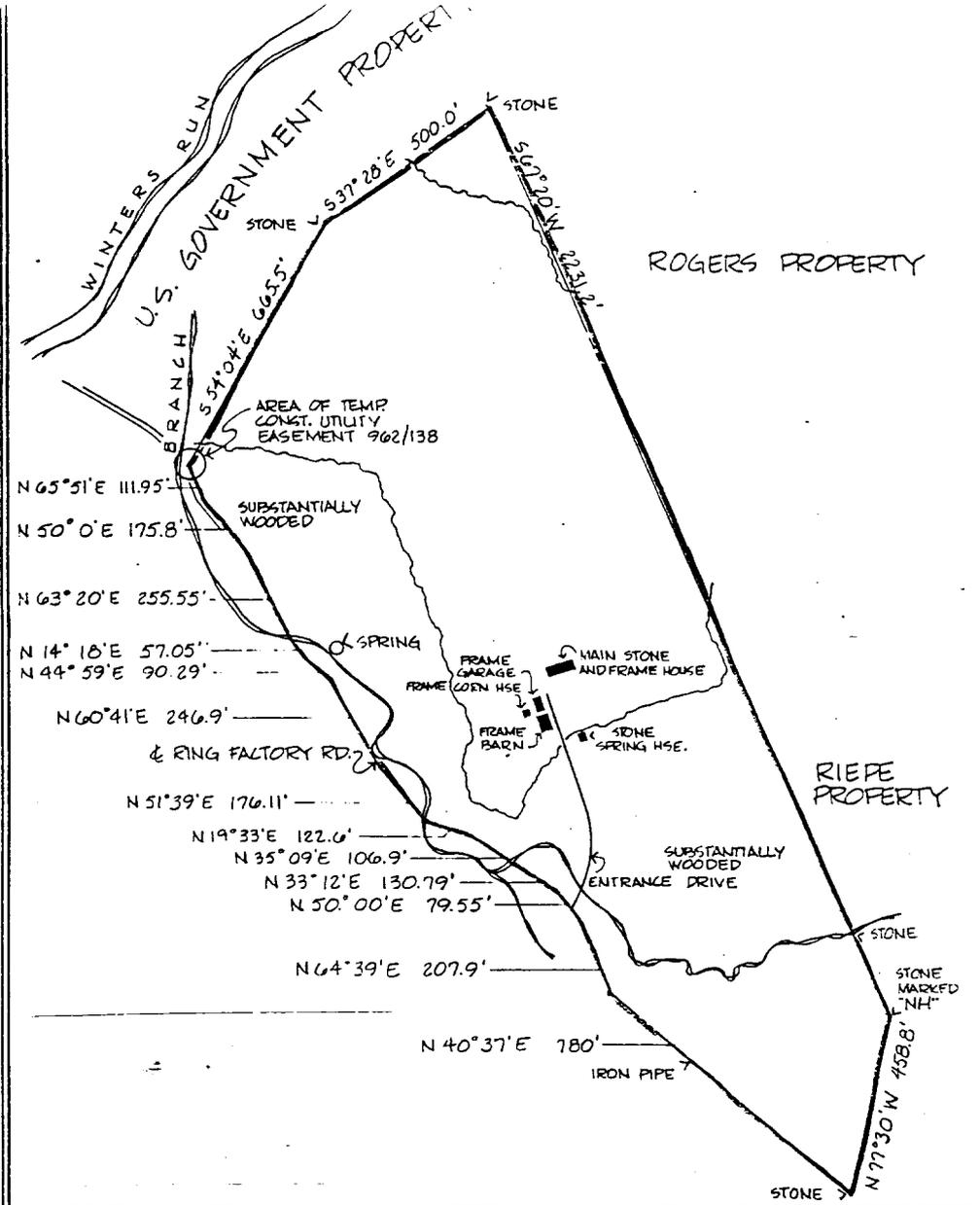
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE WITH THE M.H.T.		GRANTOR GRANTEE

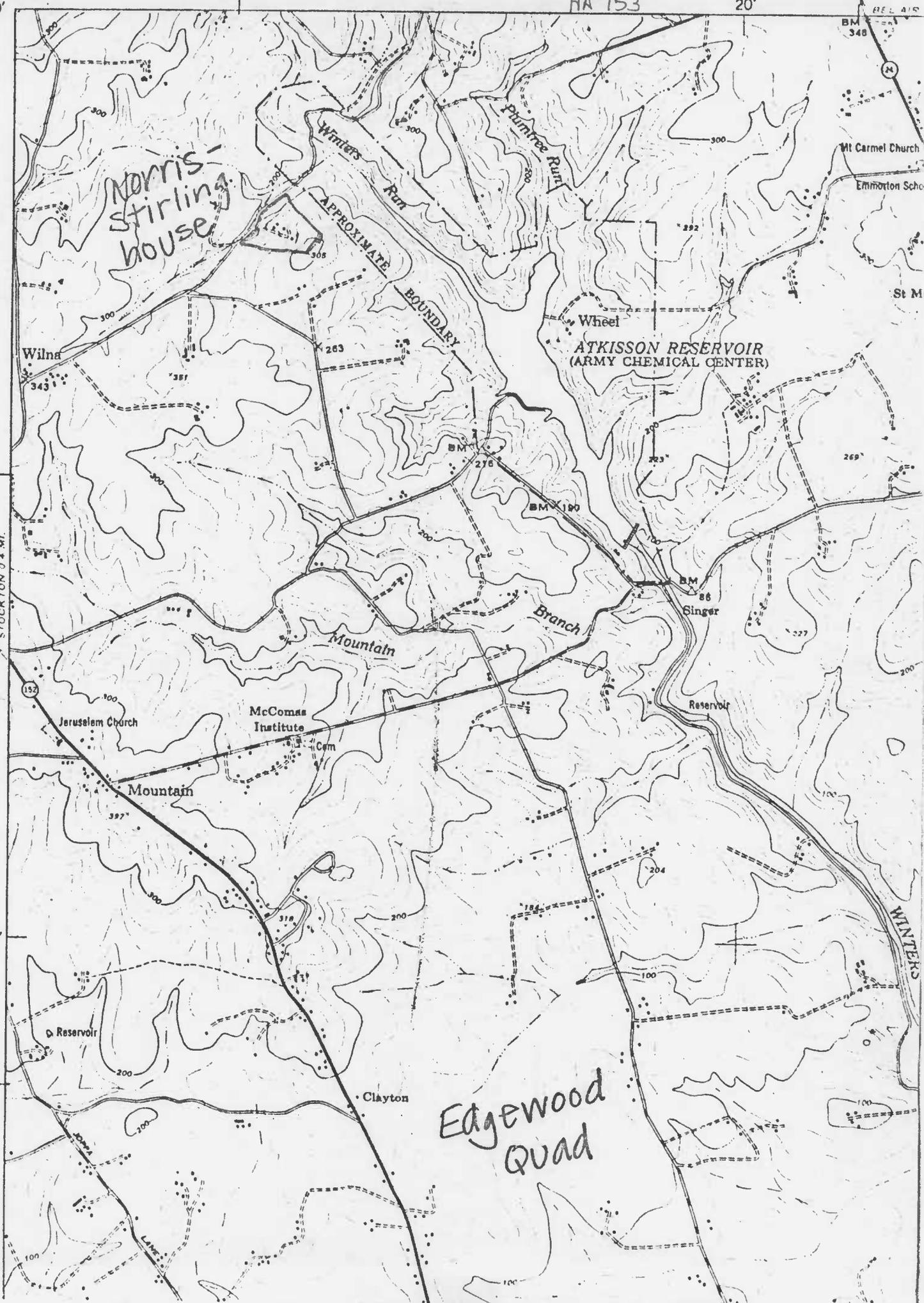
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76°22'30"
39°30'

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NORRIS
Stirling
house

APPROXIMATE
BOUNDARY

ATKISSON RESERVOIR
(ARMY CHEMICAL CENTER)

McComas
Institute

Edgewood
Quad

18 MI. TO U.S. 1
STOCKTON 0.4 MI.

27°30"

WINTERS



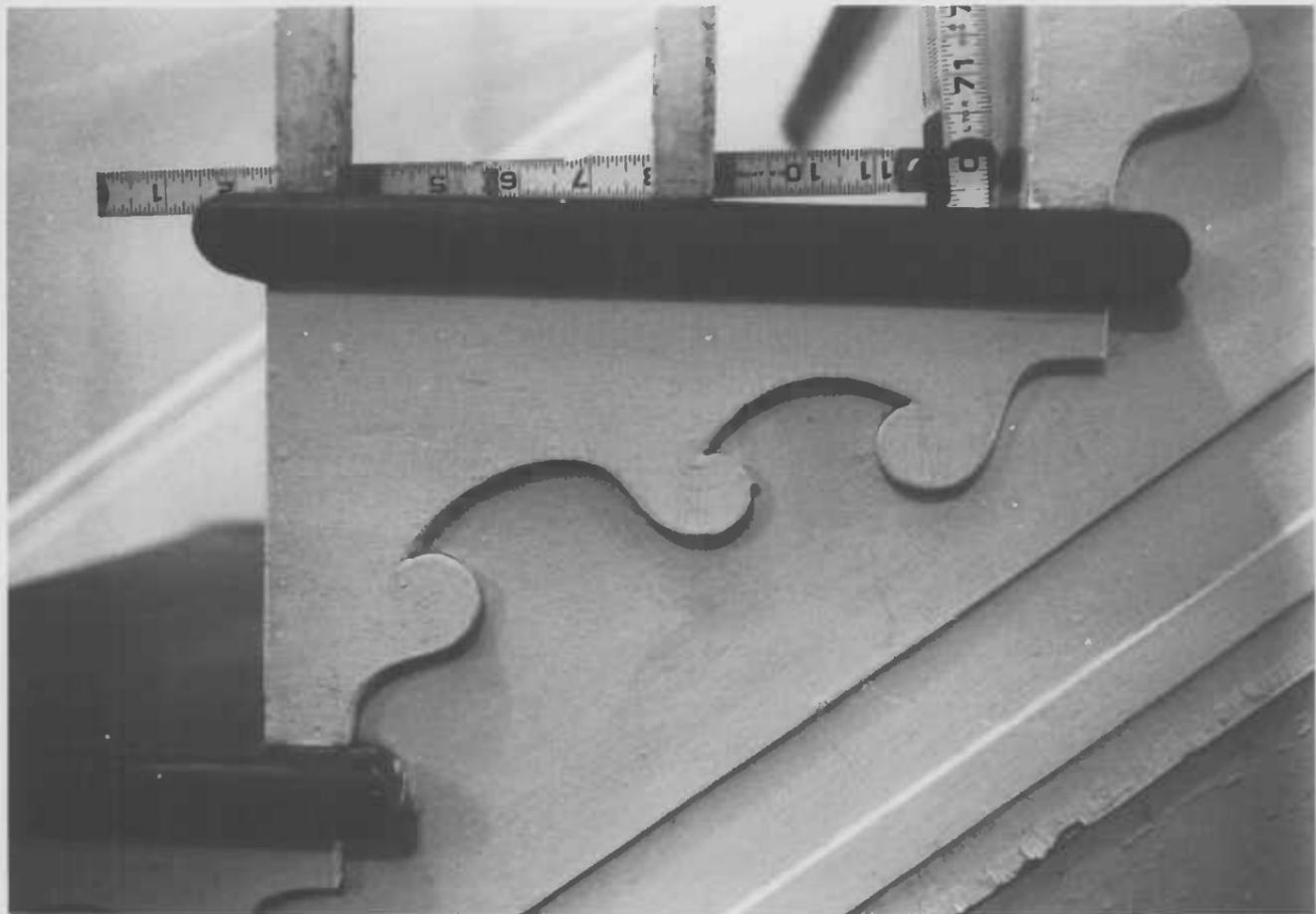
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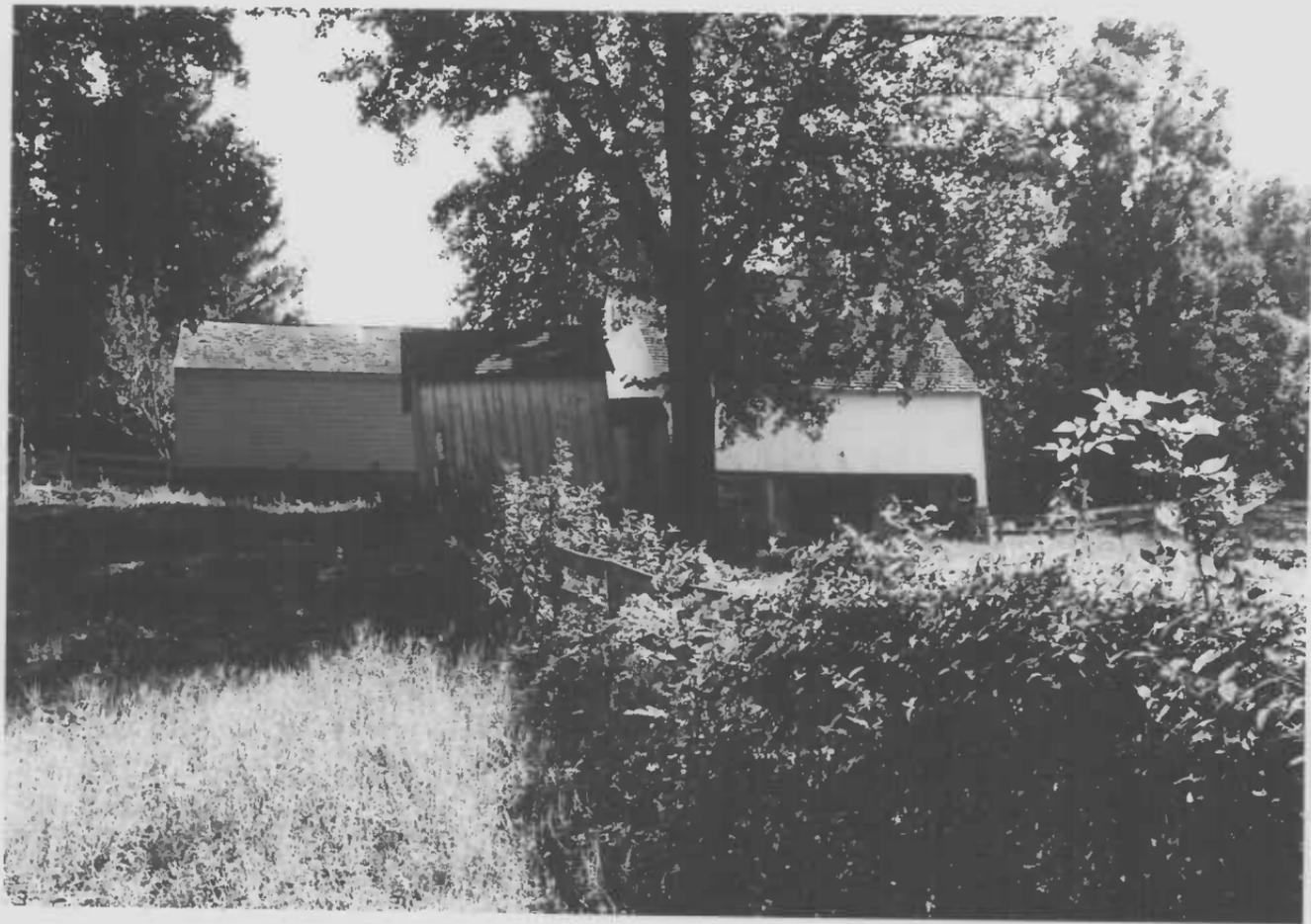
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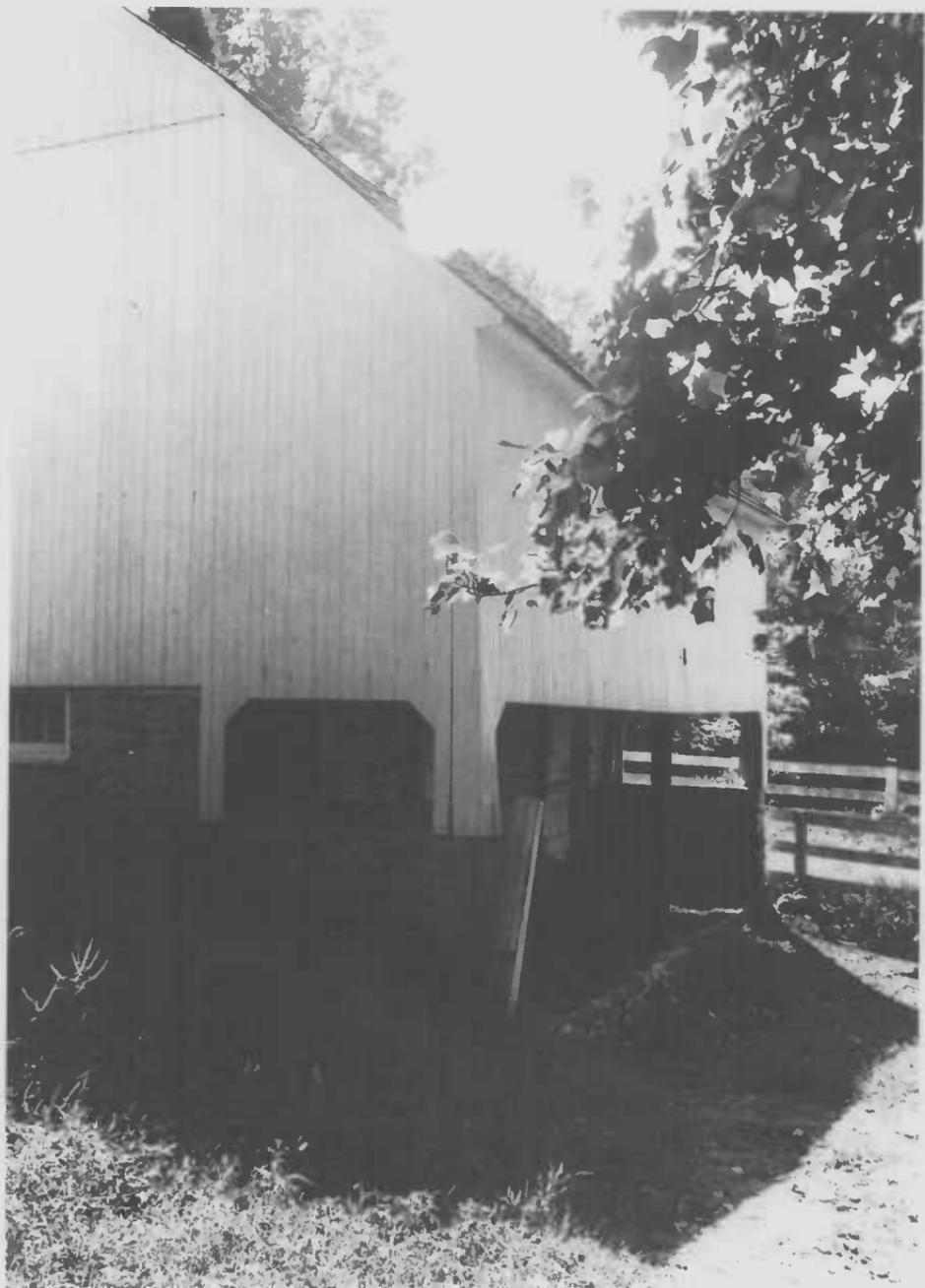
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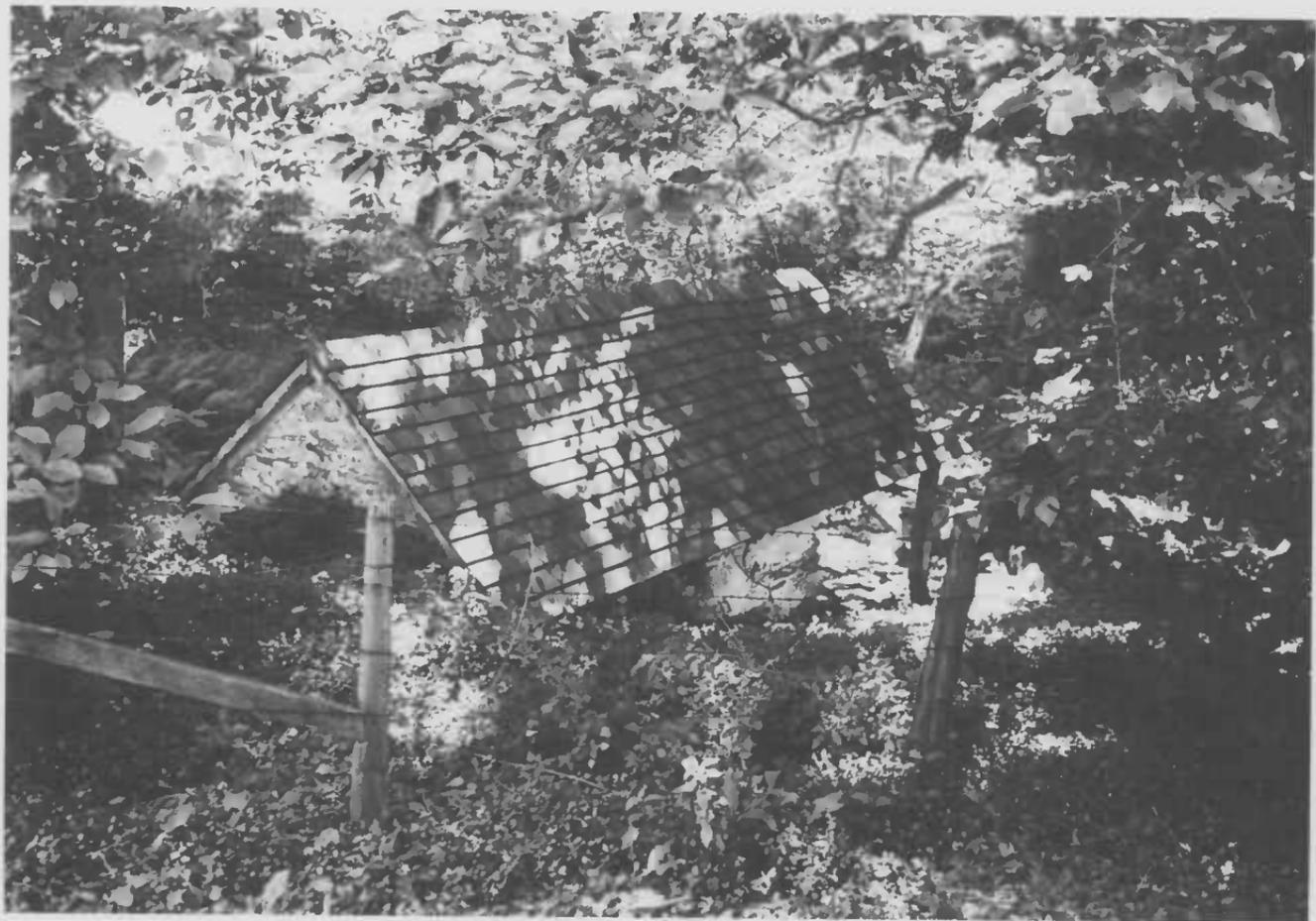
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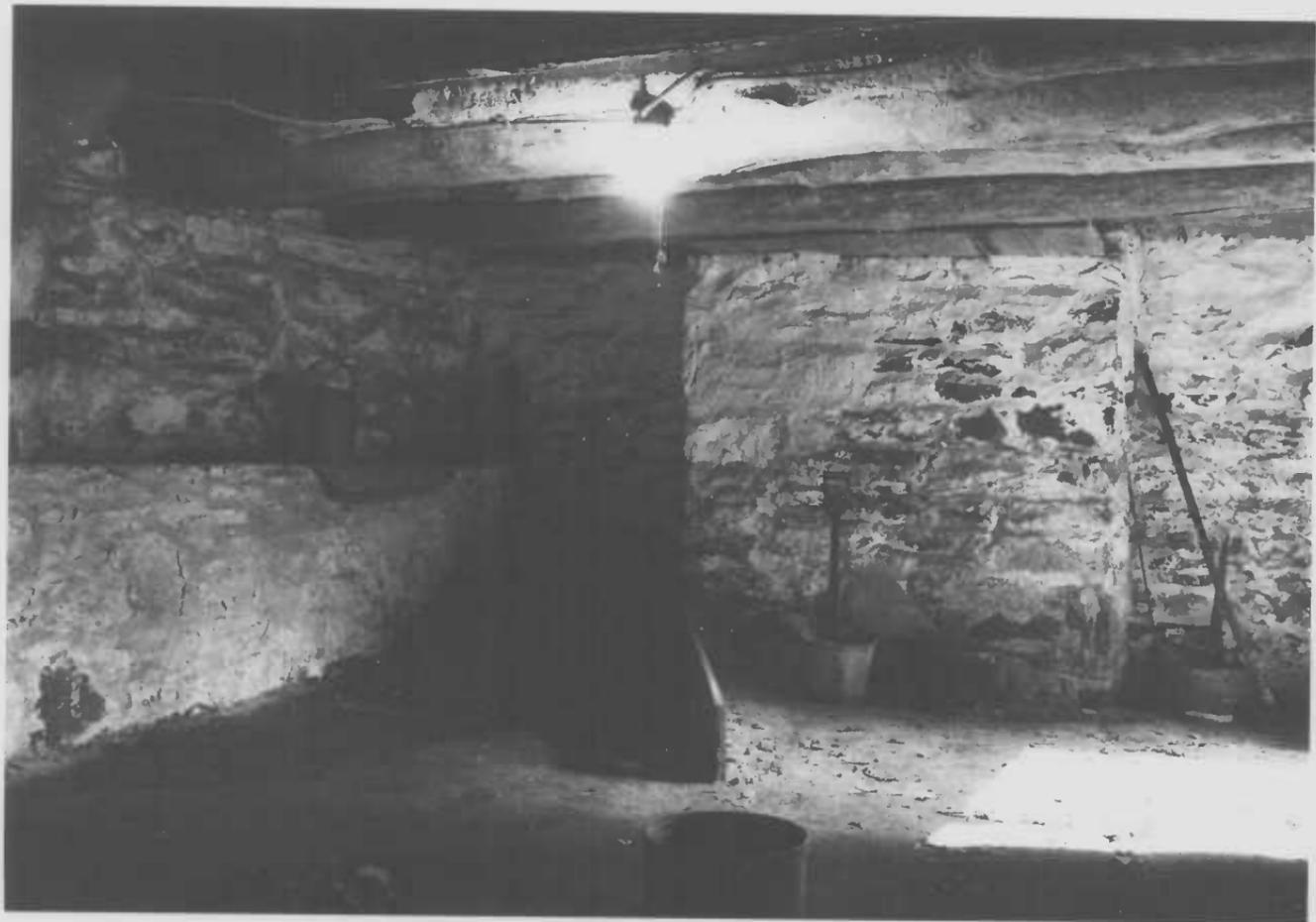
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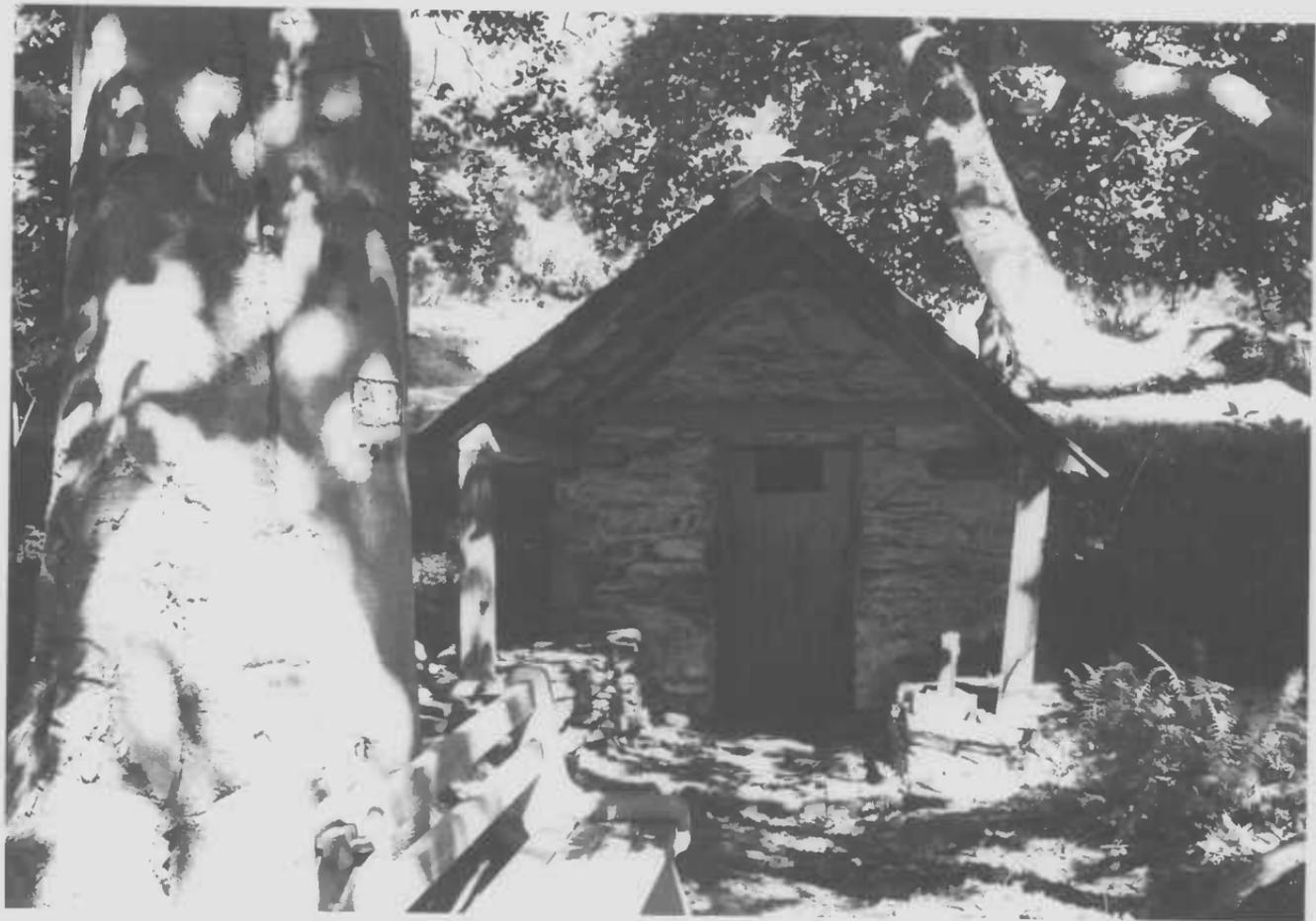
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